

As a blue collar worker in the television field, I must denounce the mere intention of relaxing media ownership rules. The easing of restrictions that has so far occurred has resulted in such lunacy as one local news program being aired on more than its own originating station. This is happening in small markets such as my own in Kalamazoo, as well as major markets such as Detroit!

Not only does this eliminate jobs, but it creates a narrower editorial vision (even I dare say version) for the public.

The history of relaxing the rules for radio ownership has made clear the direction television would take. Here in Kalamazoo, I can listen to Rush Limbaugh on three different stations. Not only has centralized ownership begun to limit local programming and commentary, but we are exposed to a decreasing number of voices period.

I urge you to consider the ramifications of this decision to the entire American public, not just a few corporate moguls who would eliminate the competitive nature of our country.

Thank you very much,

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